GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:209
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages set up in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the existing storage capacity of cold storages is inadequate;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to set up cold storages in each block of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide subsidised soft loans and grants to construct new cold Storages?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.209 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4T DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The total number of cold storages in the country as on 31.3.2000 are 3886. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d): The High Level Expert Committee constituted by the Government of India for identifying the constraints and suggesting remedial measures have identified the creation/expansion of 12 lakh tonnes and rehabilitation/modernisation of 8 lakh tonnes of cold storage capacity and an addition of 4.5 lakh tonnes of onion storage capacity in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan. In the light of the recommendations of the Expert Committee and further deliberations in this regard, the Government has approved a scheme to provide capital investment subsidy for construction/expansion/modernisation of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce for implementation during the period 1999-2002 of the Ninth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.175.00 crores. The scheme envisages providing capital investment subsidy amounting to 25 per cent of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakh per project. In the case of North Eastern States, the provision of subsidy is at the rate of 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.60.00 lakh per project. The scheme is being implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture. The scheme does not envisage setting up of cold storages by the Government itself in any geographical location or administrative unit in the country.

ANNEXURE

STATE/UNION TERRITORY-WISE BREAK-UP OF COLD STORAGES IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 31.3.2000.

Name of State/ Union Territories	No. of cold storages
A & N Islands (UT)	02
Andhra Pradesh	168
Arunachal Pradesh	00
Assam	19
Bihar	195
Chandigarh(UT)	07
Delhi	95
Gujarat	252
Goa	23
Haryana	201
Himachal Pradesh	16
Jammu & Kashmir	15
Kerala	148
Karnataka	102
Lakshadweep (UT)	01
Maharashtra	341
Madhya Pradesh	174
Manipur	00

Meghalaya	00
Mizoram	00
Nagaland	01
Orissa	71
Pondicherry (UT)	05
Punjab	390
Rajasthan	74
Sikkim	00
Tamilnadu	93
Tripura	04
Uttar Pradesh	1129
West Bengal	360
TOTAL	3886